

People, State of Illinois Foster Care, the Adoption Task Force, the Adoption Advisory Council, the Child Care Association, the African American Round Table, the Association of Directors, the Minority Recruitment Committee, and the Dean's Search Committee, both at Loyola School of Social Work.

Mr. Ford was a member of the Congregational Church of Park Manor, and served as chairman of its Board of World Missions. He was Mu Mu Lambda's Man of the Year several times, Illinois State Alumni Brother of the Year, Midwest Region Brother of the Year, and as Kenneth Watkins, president of Mu Mu Lambda, said, "Jay Ford truly understood the Alpha motto: First of all; Servants of all; We shall transcend all."

There was relevance in Jay Ford and there is still relevance in fraternities and sororities.

#### TRANSFER OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to use the time of the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON).

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Texas? There was no objection.

#### CALLING ON THE SPEAKER TO CONVENE A STUDY SESSION ON YOUTH VIOLENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, over the last couple of weeks, this Congress has confronted a very tragic event dealing with our children. The American people have heard us speak in many different ways. We have raised our voices in sympathy, in fear, in apprehension.

We have raised our voices, reaching out for solutions. We have even spoken in outrage, and we have also expressed pain for those parents who lost their children, and for those whose children are still mending from wounds suffered in Littleton, Colorado.

There have been a number of hearings, Mr. Speaker. Today, in fact, I thank the gentleman from Illinois (Chairman HYDE) of the Committee on the Judiciary and the ranking member, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS), for holding such a hearing in the Committee on the Judiciary.

I made up my mind, Mr. Speaker, upon hearing of the enormous tragedy, feeling a deeply embedded pain, but yet not being able to stand in the shoes of those parents who had actually lost their child or being involved by being part of that community, but I did make a commitment to say that I

would not expend any more words about the tragedy if I could not do something constructive.

I have the honor and pleasure of having founded the Congressional Children's Caucus, with a number of exciting issues that we have had to confront, and Members who have committed themselves by being a participant of that caucus in promoting children as a national agenda item.

We have decided to work on the question of confronting a child's inability to cope. In the hearing today, I was somewhat disturbed because I kept hearing the very well-versed witnesses seem to suggest it was the other fellow's fault. We had representatives from the media, we had faith-based representatives, we had those who talked about gun regulation, others who talked about the need for morality in schools. I think it is important, Mr. Speaker, that we acknowledge that all of us can help, and there are many solutions to this problem.

I am going to today ask the Speaker of the House to convene those Members of this Congress who have expressed a particular interest in children, either by way of the caucuses and task forces they belong to or other expressions of that interest, so that, like the White House, we can convene a study session to promote action on these issues.

I would propose that we not be fearful of addressing the President's initiative on gun regulation, because we have already heard that several leaders of the gun lobby, if you will, or organizations, would agree with holding adults responsible if children get guns in their hands, a part of his initiative, or not allowing individuals who are 18 and under or 21 and under to get handguns, and having a safety lock on guns.

Why would we be apprehensive about regulating guns, when we have over 260 million guns, and 13 children die every day? I am aghast that the other body would not want to support an initiative that would have an instant gun check at gun shows, when so many people have indicated that things happen wrong when we do not determine who is trying to get a gun.

I am looking at another perspective, Mr. Speaker, one where I advocate the involvement of the faith-based community. I welcome that. I hope our schools, in keeping with the first amendment and separation of church and State, will not turn away individuals, ministers, as we do in Houston, where we have a Ministers Against Crime organization. We welcome them into the schools.

Tomorrow I will hold a town hall meeting at Scarborough High School in my district with the Secretary of Education on school violence. We will be inviting the ministers. We will be listening to students.

We should not sit back and say what we cannot do. What I am hearing, what

is being pled for by students who say they have no one to talk to, they want action now, Mr. Speaker. Why are we pointing the finger at each and every person, the international games, the video games?

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, let me say that we cannot deny that we do not have mental health services for our children K through 12, intervention, at an early stage. So I propose an omnibus bill on children's mental health in which I will look to ensure that all of the pieces are in place.

I hope my colleagues will join me at the offering of that legislation, because we all can be a part of the solution and not part of the problem. Let us stop pointing the finger, let us get to work.

#### CONCERNS ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO THE WAR IN YUGOSLAVIA AND KOSOVO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I was discussing the war supplemental, and some of my concerns about this Administration's approach to the war in Yugoslavia and Kosovo. I found the most disturbing thing underneath the premise that the administration is pushing, and why I have such deep concerns about this entire effort.

Sandy Berger, the National Security Adviser, told our Republican conference during some questioning that, he said, we want to teach the world a new way to live in peace. They also said they wanted to show the world a new way to fight the war.

My concern is that the undergirding of this entire foreign policy is a kind of a liberal, humanitarian, what would be, with quotes around it, a "secular humanist" approach that we can somehow teach people to live together, ironically, through bombing them; and I do not fully understand, but that was not our intent.

But we look at the evils that were going on with Milosevic, much like the evils that were going on in Croatia and other ethnic cleansing efforts, not only in the Balkans but in Africa and other parts of the world, and we say, correctly, people should not live that way.

But then we think, based on kind of our humanitarian tradition in the United States, that we can just walk in and say, you know, for 700 years, for 1,000 years, for 2,000 years, you have been wrong. We want you to change. If you do not change, we are going to bomb you into change.

Mr. Speaker, life does not work that way. If this is the supposition under our foreign policy, that somehow we can walk into Africa and say, change the way you have behaved for all these years; if we can walk into Haiti and